





# Louisville Loop



# Louisville Loop Overview

- 100+ mile shared use path around Louisville
- 13 miles of shared use path & bike lanes on Olmsted Parkways
- 38 miles built
- 63 miles planned
- 23.5 miles in design (Metro Parks)
- 16 miles funded for construction
- Opportunity for greenways and other connections

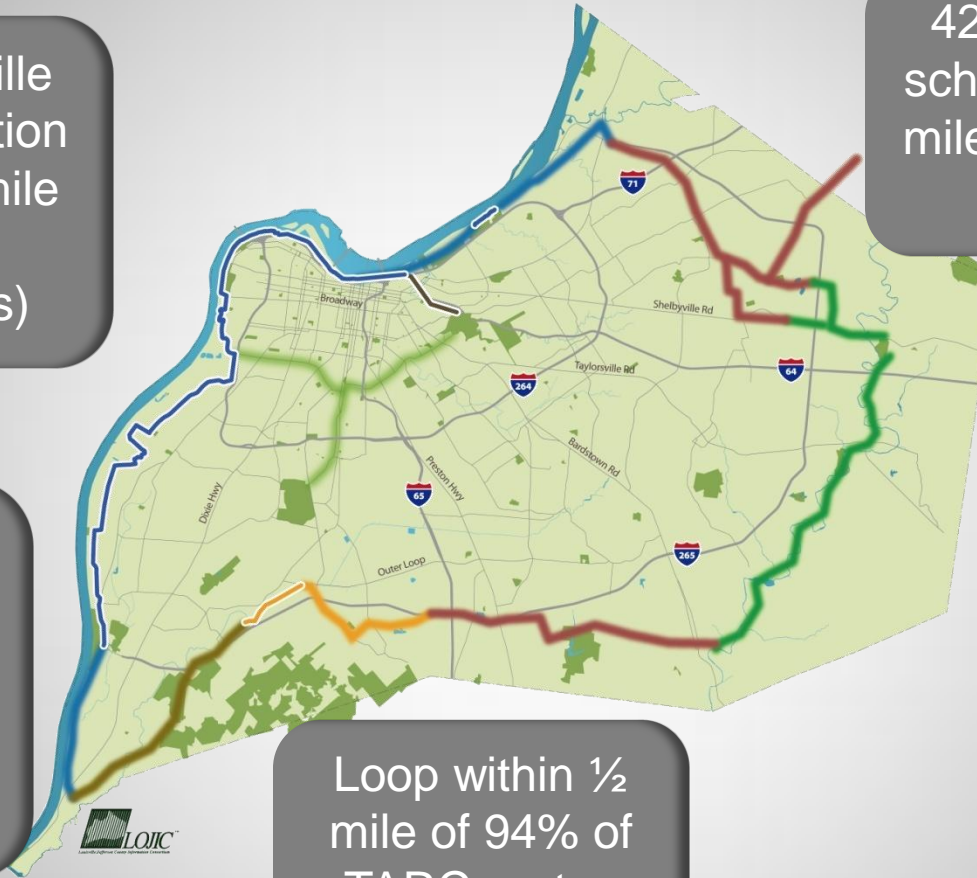




# Community Impact

66% of Louisville Metro's population lives within 1 mile of the Loop (census tracts)

Directly touches 28 Metro Parks, all of Parklands of Floyds Fork



42% of JCPSS schools within 1 mile of the Loop

Touches 29 city neighborhoods and 11 small cities

Loop within 1/2 mile of 94% of TARC routes

# Improve Our Health And Fitness

Encourage a wide range of users including families, children, people with disabilities, and athletes to improve their health and fitness





# Connect our Community



Connect neighborhoods, schools, parks, workplaces, and shopping areas to the Loop where possible





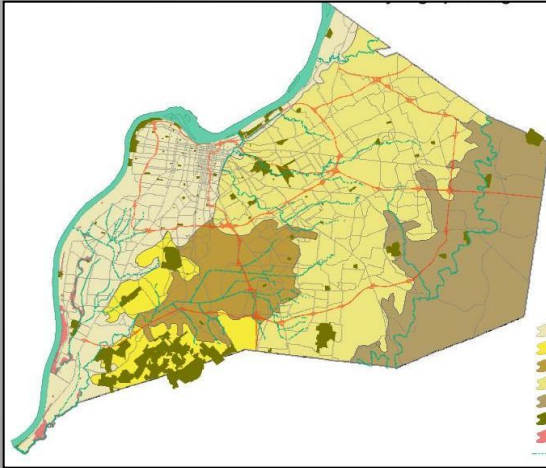
# Provide Alternative Transportation

Provide safe, attractive, accessible facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and equestrians





# Explore Our Diverse Natural Areas





# Enrich Our Life with Art

Identify opportunities for public art along the Loop



# Celebrate Our History

Identify and interpret historic sites on or near the loop





# Encourage Economic Development

- Increase property values
- Draw tourists and recreational dollars
- Drive commercial development
- Attract and retain talent
- Strengthen neighborhoods



*Loveland, OH*

# Improve Community Health

## 2009 Chronic Disease Death Rate All Diseases per 100,000 (Age-Adjusted) Jefferson County, KY Zip Codes

Source: 2009 Louisville Metro official Death Records

### Legend

— Louisville Loop Alignment

### Age-Adjusted Death Rate

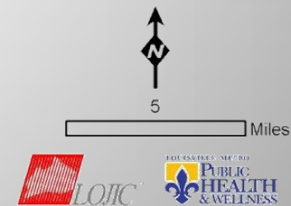
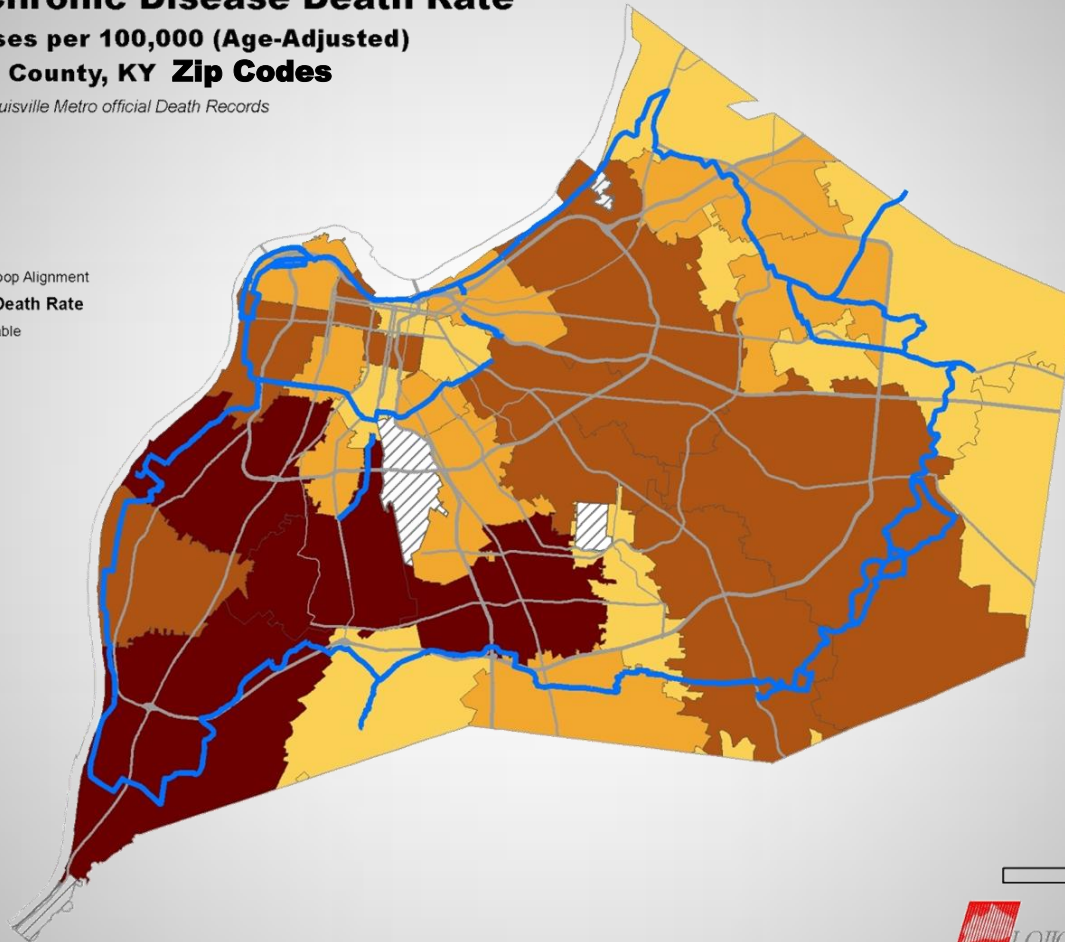
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154 - 234

235 - 367





# Build Community Engagement



So, how do we bring more people to the Loop to improve their health?  
They told us:

Make it fun! Make it interesting! Make it easy to use!

# Wayfinding Signs

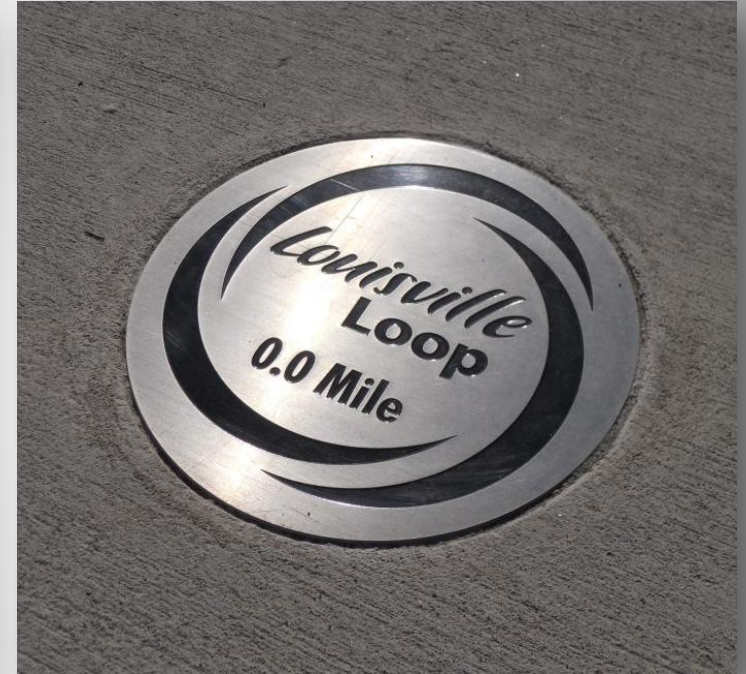




# Trailhead signs



# Interpretive Signs





# Physiographic Regions

## Discover the Louisville Loop

### Background

In 2005, Louisville launched the City of Parks Initiative, a multi-year project to invest in existing parkland and add thousands of acres of new parkland, trails, and green spaces to Louisville's "greenprint." This effort builds upon the foundation laid by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted over a century ago.

The convergence of City of Parks is a key goal that increases the permeability of the entire city, the Louisville Loop. When completed, the Louisville Loop will be an approximately 100-mile shared-use path that will provide opportunities for recreation, transportation, fitness, economic development, education and public art. In addition to connecting many of Louisville's diverse parks and neighborhoods, the path will connect to communities in southern Indiana and surrounding Kentucky counties, offering new opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation.

### Connect

- **Access to the Loop:** Access to the trail is provided at key intervals along the Loop. Primary access is linked with a trailhead, while several secondary "points of access" connect to local neighborhood streets.
- **Navigating the Loop:** Look for signs along the path that will direct you to destinations or points of interest on or near the Loop.
- **Distance on the Loop:** Mile markers are located at regular intervals, starting with "zero" at the Big Four Bridge and increasing in a counter-clockwise direction.

To learn more or become a friend of the Loop:

- scan the QR code
- go to [www.louisvilloop.org](http://www.louisvilloop.org)
- call (502) 456-8100

**The Physiographic Regions**

### Colors

Did you know that the Loop traverses four distinct physiographic regions? Each region has different geology and terrain that support specific plants and animals. As you cross from one region to another, notice that the color of the Loop signs change depending on which region you are in.

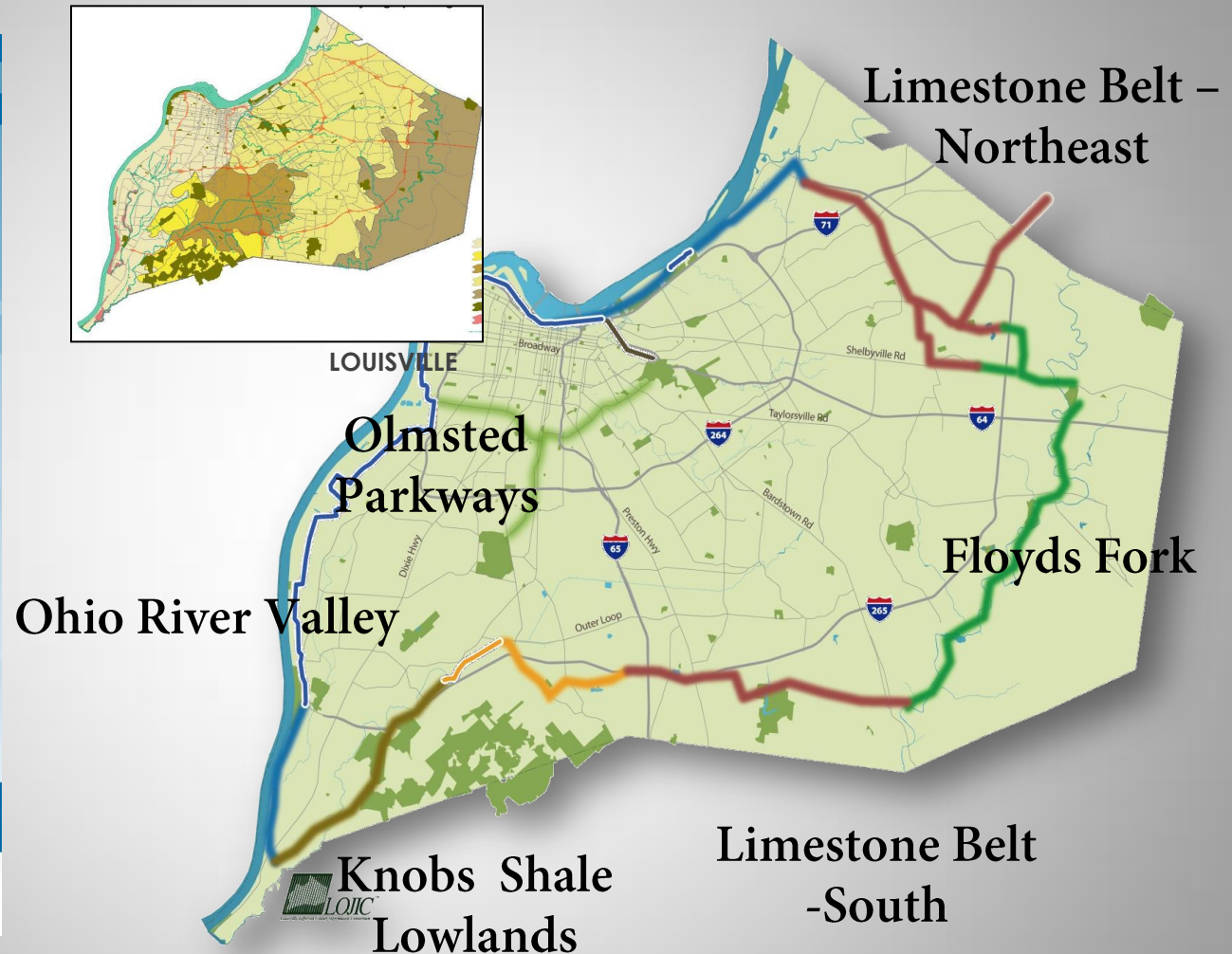
**WHAT DOES THE COLOR MEAN?**

**Ohio River Valley:** This region is characterized by flat, fertile land that is part of the vast floodplain of the Ohio River. The terrain is mostly flat with some low hills. The climate is humid continental with hot summers and cold winters. The soil is rich and fertile, supporting a variety of crops and vegetation.

**Olmsted Parkways:** This region is characterized by rolling hills and valleys. The terrain is more varied than the Ohio River Valley, with some higher elevations. The climate is similar to the Ohio River Valley but with more variation in temperature. The soil is generally less fertile than the Ohio River Valley, supporting a mix of crops and vegetation.

**Limestone Belt:** This region is characterized by limestone hills and valleys. The terrain is more rugged than the Ohio River Valley and Olmsted Parkways, with more significant elevation changes. The climate is similar to the other regions but with more variation in temperature. The soil is generally less fertile than the Ohio River Valley and Olmsted Parkways, supporting a mix of crops and vegetation.

**Floyd's Fork:** This region is characterized by rolling hills and valleys. The terrain is more varied than the Ohio River Valley, with some higher elevations. The climate is similar to the Ohio River Valley but with more variation in temperature. The soil is generally less fertile than the Ohio River Valley and Olmsted Parkways, supporting a mix of crops and vegetation.





# Trail Interpretive Features





# Southwest Greenways — better connections

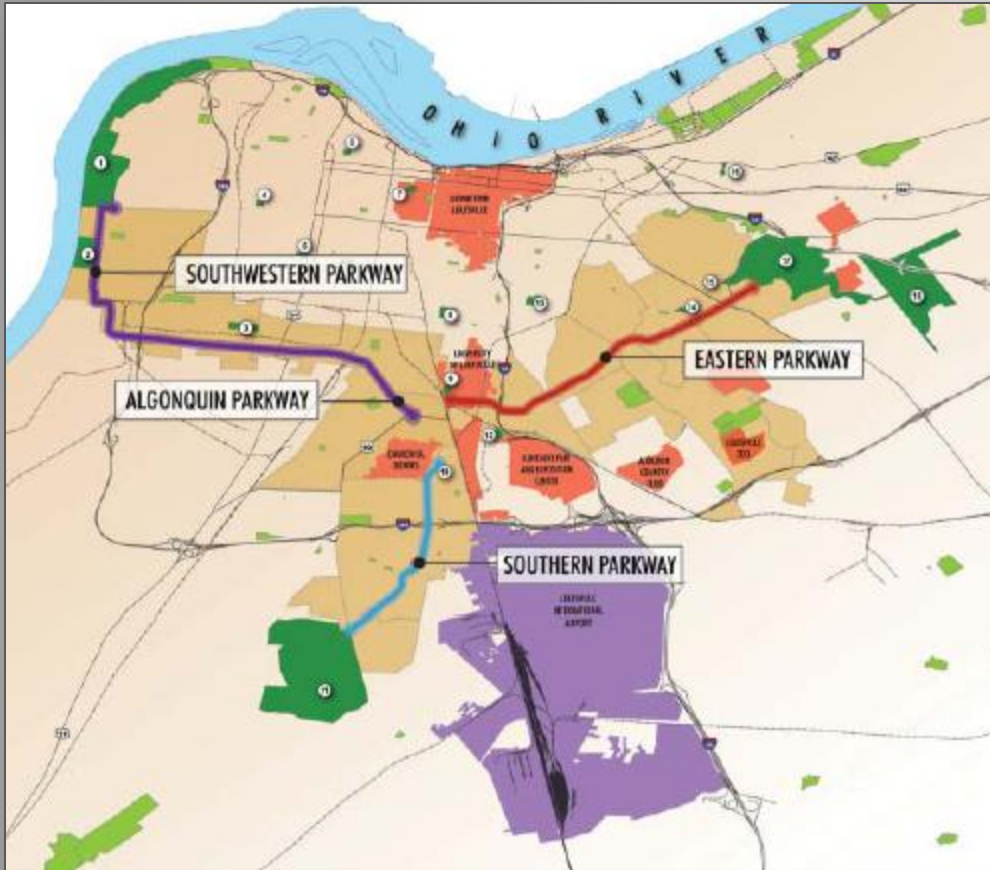


- Hiking Trails
- Superstition Trails
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Canoe Launch
- Campground





# Olmsted Parkways





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# For more information...

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- Louisville Metro Parks
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